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REF: A. USDOC 00463 B 76 STATE 301616

1. SUMMARY. MEETING WITH DIRECTOR MIHAI LEU OF  
MINISTRY OF MINES, PETROLEUM, AND GEOLOGY RESULTED IN  
AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON JUNE 1977 DATE FOR TSS,  
CO-SPONSORSHIP OF SEMINAR, AND SUBJECTS OF  
PETROLEUM EXPLORATION AND EXTRACTION. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF MET DECEMBER 19 WITH DIRECTOR OF  
TECHNICAL DIRECTORATE MIHAI LEU OF MINISTRY OF MINES,  
PETROLEUM, AND GEOLOGY, WHO ENTHUSIASTICALLY AGREED  
ON JUNE 1977 DATE FOR SEMINAR (REF A). IF JUNE DATE  
NOT FEASIBLE, NEXT POSSIBLE DATES WOULD NECESSARILY  
BE AFTER SEPTEMBER 7 DUE TO ROMANIAN  
VACATION SCHEDULE DURING JULY AND AUGUST.  
ALONG WITH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON DATE,  
LEU SAW NO PROBLEM WITH CO-SPONSORSHIP  
ARRANGEMENT TO BE WORKED OUT AS SOON AS  
INITIAL SEMINAR PLANS ARE MADE AND FIRMS  
ARE SELECTED. POSSIBLE ONE-DAY VISIT BY  
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SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS TO ROMANIAN PETROLEUM  
EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING SITES WAS ALSO  
MENTIONED.

3. ON PROPOSED SUBJECT MATTER,  
LEU  
EXPRESSED LITTLE INTEREST IN DRILLING

ASPECT OF SEMINAR THEME, STRESSING THAT ROMANIA WAS FAIRLY ADVANCE IN THIS AREA. CITING PARTICULAR ROMANIAN INTEREST IN EXPLORATION AND EXTRACTION EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGIES, LEU PROMISED TO TRANSMIT TO EMBASSY WITHIN 10 DAYS LIST OF MORE DETAILED AREAS OF INTEREST WITHIN TOPIC AREA.

4. EMBOFF EXTENDED INVITATION FOR GOR TO SEND DELEGATION TO HOUSTON OFFSHORE PETROLEUM CONFERENCE IN MAY, LINKING CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE WITH POSSIBLE PLANT VISITS AND TOUR OF OFFSHORE RIG. ALTHOUGH GOR DELEGATION ATTENDED LAST YEAR'S CONFERENCE, LEU EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT TRIP WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO ROMANIANS FOR 2-3 DAY CONFERENCE ALONE. ROMANIAN ATTENDANCE MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IF OUTSIDE VISIT COULD BE ARRANGED.

5. COMMENT: SEMINAR TIMING AND GENERAL SUBJECT AREA WERE WAR LY RECEIVED BY ROMANIANS, WHO HAVE PRIORITY INTEREST IN OFFSHORE PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS INVITATION TO GOR BY USDOC AND PESA TO HOUSTON CONFERENCE, WITH ASSURANCES THAT OUTSIDE TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL DISCUSSIONS AND OFFSHORE RIG VISIT WILL BE MADE. WE PARE OPPOSED, HOWEVER, TO BOTH BUCHAREST AND CONSTANTA SEMINAR SITES  
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(REF B), SINCE BUCHAREST MEETING WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO DRAW ALL SIGNIFICANT FTO AND END-USER REPRESENTATIVES.  
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